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SUBJ: LOS GROUP OF 5 CONSULTATIONS ON RULES

1. GROUP OF 5 MET AT JAPANESE MISSION 27 FEB TO REVIEW
INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS ON LOS CONF RULES OF PROCEDURE.
EXCHANGE OF GENERAL COMMENTS REVEALED THAT GROUP BELIEVES
THAT ONLY FEW DELEGATIONS HERE ARE PREPARED TO UNDERTAKE
SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS ON RULES. OF ASIAN GROUP ONLY JAPAN
AND, TO A LESSER EXTENT, FIJI AND SINGAPORE HAVE SPOKEN.
OF AF GROUP NJENGA (KENYA) DEPARTED NEW YORK YESTERDAY
AND WARIOBA (TANZANIA) HAS NOT APPEARED AT ALL; NO OTHER AF
LEADERS ARE IN NEW YORK. OF LA GROUP MEXICO AND COLOMBIA
HAVE BEEN ACTIVE (BUT AMB CASTANEDA IS ABSENT), AND PERU
(DESOTO) AND BRAZIL (THOMPSON-FLORES) HAVE BEEN CONTENT TO MUDDY
WATERS. OVERALL, GROUP CONCLUDED THAT PROSPECTS FOR REAL
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PROGRESS DURING THIS WEEK ARE POOR.

2. GROUP AGREED THAT GROUP OF 77 MAY BE WILLING TO NEGOTIATE AFTER NAIROBI CONF IN APRIL. JEANNEL (FRANCE), KOLESNIK (SOV), DUDGEON (UK) AND OGISO (JAPAN) FAVOR URGING AMERASINGHE TO CALL ANOTHER MEETING FOR CONSULTATIONS ON RULES EITHER LATE MAY OR IN JUNE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING CONF. (LATTER DATE FOR FINANCIAL CONVENIENCE OF LDC'S ENROUTE CARACAS.) US (STEVENSON, WHO WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND THIS MEETING) LATER AGREED AND SUGGESTED THAT AMERASINGHE BE ASKED TO INQUIRE IF REGIONAL GROUPS WOULD EACH DESIGNATE 2 OR 3 SENIOR REPS TO PARTICIPATE IN ONE-WEEK SESSION EITHER IN NEW YORK OR GENEVA. (THIS IDEA WILL BE PURSUED BY GROUP OF 5 AM 28 FEB.)

3. UK, JAPAN AND FRANCE SUPPORTS SOVS' PROPOSED CHANGE TO CANADIAN DRAFT OF RULE 37 HAVING TO DO WITH VOTING DELAYS. SOVS WOULD HAVE PERIOD OF TIME "SPECIFIED BY THE PRESIDENT OR THE CHAIRMAN IN CONSULTATION WITH THE OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE OR THE MAIN COMMITTEE, AS APPROPRIATE, HAVING REGARD TO THE OVERALL PROGRESS MADE ON ALL MATTERS OF SUBSTANCE WHICH ARE CLOSELY INTERCONNECTED." SOVS ALSO SEEK ROLE FOR GENERAL COMITE (GC) IN DECISION WHEN EFFORTS TOWARDS CONSENSUS HAVE BEEN EXHAUSTED. SOVS BELIEVE BLOCKING ONE-THIRD (17 VOTES) COULD BE USEFUL BRAKE. JEANNEL VOICED NO CONFIDENCE IN GC AS CONSTITUTED AND BELIEVES IT CAPABLE OF MORE HARM THAN GOOD. UK AND JAPAN ALSO INDICATED LACK OF SUPPORT FOR SOV PROPOSAL FOR GC ROLE.
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